

**Commission on Aging
Aging in Place/Communications Committee
Meeting Notes
March 10, 2014**

9:30-11:30am, Rockville Library, 2nd floor Conference Room

Commission members: Noelle Ronald Heyman, Miriam Kelty, Isabelle Schoenfeld, Chuck Kauffman, Austin Heyman

Guests: Sarah Gottbaum, Yonette Wilson Williams, Connie Raab, Mary Lou Shannon

Staff: Pazit Aviv

Topic	Discussion Points	Suggestions and Action Items
<i>Welcome and Introductions 9:30-9:45am</i>	<i>This week's guest speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reverend Kasey Kaseman</i>	
<i>9:45-10:00am Communications Update</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mary Anderson from HHS handles HHS Communications and press releases.</i>• <i>The WAVE website, upon completion of current development work, will provide a more robust and searchable data base for current and new Village, and will include information specific to Montgomery County.</i>	

<p>10:00-10:40am</p>	<p>Reverend Kasey Kaseman shared information about his role, his work and his accomplishments during the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to bring together Western and Eastern religions • Identified over 400 faith organizations • 220 Faith communities use public schools as their church • Hopes to launch a website by April 3, 2014 including information about 3 major faith communities in our area. • Working on cultural competency curriculum for administrators, teachers and students. <p>At this time Reverend Kaseman has developed and oversees the work of 3 specific project groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land Use: identifies various land use requirements and taxes for churches to assist faith communities with land purchase decisions. This group is co-anchored by representatives from the Episcopal and Moslem communities. 2. Faith Community: a solidarity project to counter extremism and provide a response team to help victims of faith related criminal activity. The “counter extremism” model developed by Rev. Kaseman is now used by the FBI to counter extremism. 3. Neighbors in Need: supports members of the community by providing hunger relief, ACA (health care) sign up. <p>Relative to aging in place, Reverend Kaseman is willing to participate in or survey the faith based communities to identify member needs, current activities to address stated needs and share the information. Resources to accomplish this task are few.</p> <p>Reverend Kaseman is also willing to be involved in a forum for faith based communities to help begin conversations around aging in place, identify needs and potential solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask HHS and other County staff to help develop and implement a survey of faith based communities (and other groups), under Rev. Kaseman’s oversight to learn more about the needs of older people, activities currently in place to address stated needs, and potential gaps in available services for older people. • Ask HHS and other County agencies to help Rev. Kaseman create a forum that brings together our faith based communities and provides opportunities to learn about how each group identifies and helps address the needs of older community members, and share information about available County resources.
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<i>Next Meeting</i>	<i>AIPC Tuesday April 8, 2014</i> <i>CCO: Monday, April 14, 2014</i>	
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